

BLAME IT ON THE STARS

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Aries: Unless you recently won the lottery, and you haven't, you'll be focused on what you laughingly call your financial situation. Your mantra should be, Thought Before Action. Whatever obstructions you meet are likely to be internal and forcing issues will devolve into trying to push a rope. So much for the good news. Your love life is a marriage of hissy fits and estrangement. Hold up, sort matters through, and weigh information carefully.



Libra: Happy Birthday, sort of. Great leaps forward are the worst sort of foolishness this month. Mull things over and wait for Mercury's retrograde tide to turn. Since the present sucks, look to the future and ask yourself if you have enough money to get there. If you love fruitless arguments, the month will have many bright moments filled with venom and wounded pride. Trusting your instincts only seems like a good idea. Unless they tell you to take a nap.



Taurus: The perfect month to wallow in paranoia. Yes, dear, someone might really be going for your jugular. Most likely, it's someone you work with, but you'd be a complete ninny to turn your back on your mate. If it weren't for loose ends and miscommunication, you'd have no love life at all. Take a hard look at shared values, bend in the right places, and harbor no grudges. The chaos is short term and, given the finesse you're not known for, it will pass.



Scorpio: All sorts of tides are coming in. If you sort through your motivations and take stock of your strengths, recent messes should improve. Expect to be misunderstood and resist the urge to punch out your critics. The mode this month is information gathering. Feed your head and take no lip from the child within. Be honest about your feelings but play your cards close to your chest. Engage reality and give what you can to those who appreciate who you are.



Gemini: My, we are in a financial quagmire aren't we? Regardless what FDR said, there are some depressions one shouldn't spend one's way out of. Avoid contracts like the plague. Unless you enjoy unnecessary explosions, embrace substantive conversations with your mate. Expect misunderstanding and try to have a good time. Abandon the notion of short term goals and don't short circuit over details. The nice thing about chaos is its banishing of expectations.



Sagittarius: The month holds many opportunities to behave like a nitwit. The worst danger is to imagine you're thinking clearly or that your grip on reality involves more than one finger. If there's ever been a time to seek counsel from friends, this is it. Wise Sagittarians will watch their backs. Someone is messing with your life, perhaps with the best intentions. Don't look for resolution from any quarter. If possible leave town for someplace quiet.



Cancer: Your mantra for October: Damn the finances and full speed ahead. Finish what's begun then fade into contemplation of minor themes, dominant chords, and subtle melodies of the heart. Self-righteousness gets you about as far as pushing issues or making commitments you'll regret in the morning. Escape from work whenever possible and have long talks with yourself. The less you initiate, the better. You'll have enough to do staying emotionally afloat.



Capricorn: It could be worse. You could be a Virgo. One only hopes you like arguing with your mate and anyone else within shouting distance. Avoid final decisions and heroic stands on principle. They will only lead to pain and sadness. If possible, concentrate on what's coming together instead of what's falling apart. Information comes in floods. Dogpaddle patiently and keep one nostril above the waves. Patience is more than a virtue. It's a lifesaver.



Leo: Nap time is over. Work is the prayer most often answered and it's time for you to get religion. Set routines and stick to them. Launch any project that doesn't involve your checkbook. Do it all with self-effacing charm. Come on strong only if you love being kneecapped by those you trust. Laugh often and don't sweat the posturing of others. The essence of nobility is a humble grasp of the truth that we're all just hopeless shmucks trying to have some fun.



Aquarius: A little highstrung, are we? Life is a series of spats punctuated by unsightly brooding? Finances the stuff of Greek tragedy? Professional life a minefield of misunderstanding and chaos? Buck up, fluff, nobody loves a whiner. Temper tantrums only seem to help. What's needed is clear thinking. Unfortunately, it's in short supply. Sign nothing more important than a thank-you note, leap into nothing larger than a bathtub, and take long naps with your teddy.



Virgo: You might want to sit down. No sense sugar coating things, this is the month you'll enjoy forgetting. The only elements that come together are likely to cause bruises. Begin nothing, avoid all you can, and learn to love short-circuiting neurons. Clarity and understanding lose much of their meaning and your best shot involves slogging through the dreck and dodging the hammer blows. On the bright side, chances are slim you'll turn into a toad.




Pisces: Your best tool this month is your sense of humor. Sadly, that's not your strong suit. On the bright side, you could fall in love. Or rather, run it to its knees, since nothing is likely to come without a struggle. Speaking of which, the full moon's likely to be a real slammer. Fortunately, you're good at hicking your wounds and moping poetically. If possible, give others credit for having a brain and don't imagine your pipeline to the truth is unclogged.

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